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Knife Wielding Suspect Shot by Officer

On Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at approximately 10:31 pm, officers responded to the area of 4468 Shoupmill Drive on the report of a domestic disturbance. Officers arrived at the scene and were advised by neighbors a man was arguing with his mother and was observed holding a knife.

Officers made their way to an adjacent courtyard and observed a man holding a knife in front 4462 Shoupmill Drive. The man was agitated and belligerent when he noticed the officers and quickly began advancing towards them with the knife. The officers yelled numerous commands for the man to drop the knife. He ignored their commands at which point officers deployed their Tasers twice in an attempt to take him into custody. The Taser deployments had no effect and the man charged at the officers with the knife. One officer shot the man, wounding him twice.

Officers took the man into custody and began administering first aid in an attempt to stop severe bleeding as a result of gunshot wounds. Medics arrived and transported the man to Grant Medical Center in serious but stable condition.

The man has been identified as Joseph Delay, M/W/35. He is charged with two counts of Felonious Assault on a Police Officer. No other injuries were reported. Three knives were recovered at the scene. A video of the incident was recovered and turned in for evidence.

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